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OGC HAS REVIEWED.

3 March 1955

TO

Chief of Mission,
Attn: Legal Advisor

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SUBJECT General Legal

Specific Write-off Authority

1. Par. 1 of the Legal Advisor's Weekly Report, dated 6

December 1954, indicated that action would be taken to secure
a delegation of limited write-off authority. Prior to finalizing
any procedures along these lines, it should be recalled that the

OGC comments on a Headquarters staff study embodying a similar
proposal recommended that the delegation of write-off authority
be severely restricted. After further consideration, Headquarters
has determined that all write-off authority is to be retained here.

A regulation to this effect will be published in the near future.

Headquarters has also indicated that if its retention of this authority centrally should prove administratively burdensome, its decision
will be reconsidered.